GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2046
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ITEMS BANNED ON AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has issued a list of banned items that are being denied access to aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated October 16, 2002 under the caption `List of banned items stumps airport staff`;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective measures taken to ensure that the names of banned items included in the list are easily understood by the securitymen?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security had issued in July, 2002 a list of 84 banned items for carriage by a passenger in his/her hand baggage on board the flights operating from civil Indian airports and Indian civil registered aircraft operating from foreign airports.
(c): Yes, Sir.
(d) & (e): The list of banned items was reviewed and their number has been reduced to 64 as per the revised order issued in September, 2002. To facilitate a better understanding of nature of banned items, a detailed note in this regard has been circulated to Airport Security Units (APSU).